

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A server ~~for making it possible for a remote client, the client being of a plurality of clients to control an image sensing device via a communication medium and for controlling to transfer video information, which has been captured by the image sensing device, to the a plurality of clients via the communication medium,~~ said server comprising:

a control device, adapted to (a) select at least one client which has a privilege for controlling an image sensing device remotely, (b) prohibit unselected clients from controlling the image sensing device while the selected client is controlling the image sensing device, and (c) enable the unselected clients to receive video information captured by the image sensing device;

~~an input device, adapted to enter selectively a first request or a second request generated by a user different from any one of the plurality of clients, the first request being for acquiring information identifying the plurality of clients to which the video information captured by the image sensing device is transferred, and the second request being for acquiring information identifying the remote client to which said server gives a control privilege to control the optical system and orientation of the image sensing device remotely and exclusively; and~~

a notification device, ~~responsive to the entered request~~, adapted to notify a user captured by the image sensing device, as to which client is selected for controlling the image sensing device and which clients receive the video information captured by the image sensing device, in response to a request from the user ~~report the information identifying the plurality of clients or the remote client to the user.~~

Claim 2 (previously presented): A server according to claim 1, wherein the image sensing device is a camera having a two-dimensional image sensing device.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (previously presented): A server according to claim 1, wherein control of the image sensing device includes optical control and orientation control.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A server according to claim 1, further including ~~wherein said input device includes:~~

a voice input unit, adapted to input a voice of the user; and
a recognition unit, adapted to recognize the a voice input by said voice input unit.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A server according to claim 1, wherein the information notified ~~reported~~ by said notification device includes user names of ~~connected~~ the clients.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A server according to claim 1 or 6, wherein said notification device notifies reports by voice.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A method of controlling ~~a server for making it possible for a remote client, the client being of a plurality of clients to control an image sensing device via a communication medium and for controlling to transfer video information, which has been captured by the image sensing device, to the a plurality of clients via the communication medium~~, said method comprising:

a control step, of selecting at least one client which has a privilege for controlling an image sensing device remotely, prohibiting unselected clients from controlling the image sensing device while the selected client is controlling the image sensing device, and enabling the unselected clients to receive video information captured by the image sensing device;

~~an input step, of selectively entering a first request or a second request, generated by a user different from any one of the plurality of clients, the first request being for acquiring information identifying the plurality of clients to which the video information captured by the image sensing device is transferred, and the second request being for acquiring information identifying the remote client to which the server gives a control privilege to control the optical system and orientation of the image sensing device the image sensing device remotely and exclusively; and~~

a notification step, of notifying a user captured by the image sensing device, as to which client is selected for controlling the image sensing device and which clients receive the video information captured by the image sensing device, in response to a

~~request from the user performed in response to the entered request, of reporting the information identifying the plurality of clients or the remote client to the user.~~

Claim 9 (previously presented): A method according to claim 8, wherein the image sensing device is a camera having a two-dimensional image sensing device.

Claim 10 (previously presented): A storage medium storing program code executing a method of controlling ~~a server for making it possible for a remote client, the client being of a plurality of clients to control an image sensing device via a communication medium and for controlling to transfer video information, which has been captured by the image sensing device, to the~~ a plurality of clients via the communication medium, said program code comprising:

code for a control step, of selecting at least one client which has a privilege for controlling an image sensing device remotely, prohibiting unselected clients from controlling the image sensing device while the selected client is controlling the image sensing device, and enabling the unselected clients to receive video information captured by the image sensing device;

~~code for an input step, of selectively entering a first request or a second request, generated by a user different from any one of the plurality of clients, the first request being for acquiring information identifying the plurality of clients to which the video information captured by the image sensing device is transferred, and the second request being for acquiring information identifying the remote client to which the server~~

~~gives a control privilege to control the optical system and orientation of the image sensing device the image sensing device remotely and exclusively; and~~

~~code for a notification step, of notifying a user captured by the image sensing device as to which client is selected for controlling the image sensing device and which clients receive the video information captured by the image sensing device, in response to a request from the user of, responsive to the entered request, reporting the information identifying the plurality of clients or the remote client to the user.~~

Claim 11 (previously presented): A storage medium according to claim 10, wherein the image sensing device is a camera having a two-dimensional image sensing device.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A system comprising at least one ~~remote client terminal connected to a communication medium, and a server for making it possible for said remote client terminal, the remote client terminal being of a plurality of client terminals, to control an image sensing device via the communication medium and for controlling to transfer video information, which has been captured by the image sensing device, to the at least one plurality of client terminals via the communication medium, said server comprising:~~

a control device, adapted to (a) give the at least one client a privilege for controlling an image sensing device remotely, (b) prohibit unprivileged clients from controlling the image sensing device while the privileged client is controlling the image

sensing device, and (c) enable the unprivileged clients to receive video information captured by the image sensing device;

~~an input device, adapted to enter selectively a first request or a second request, generated by a user different from any one of the plurality of client terminals, the first request being for acquiring information identifying the client terminals to which the video information captured by the image sensing device is transferred, and the second being for acquiring information identifying the remote client terminal to which said server gives a control privilege to control the optical system and orientation of the image sensing device remotely and exclusively; and~~

a notification device, adapted to notify a user captured by the image sensing device, as to which client is selected for controlling the image sensing device and which clients receive the video information captured by the image sensing device, in response to a request from the user responsive to the entered request, adapted to report the information identifying the plurality of client terminals or the remote client terminal to the user.

Claim 13 (previously presented): A system according to claim 12, wherein the image sensing device is a camera having a two-dimensional image sensing device.

Claims 14-35 (canceled)